

**Island County Board of Health**  
**Regular Session - Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair; Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Mayor Bob Severns; Dr. Grethe Cammermeyer; Capt. Frederick J. McDonald (ex-officio) and Dr. Brad Thomas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Absent Members:** Commissioner Richard M. Hannold – excused.

**No recorded minutes available**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair called to order this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health at 1:08 pm.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Bob Severns moved to approve the minutes as presented. Grethe Cammermeyer seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously by those present to vote.

**Public Input or Comment:** None.

**Presentations:**

1. **Community Health Advisory Board Quarterly Update:** *Mary Anderson*, CHAB Liaison to the Board of Health provided the following updates:
  - a. Brief recap of the *Community Health Prioritization Workshop* on Monday February 8, 2016. Mary asked for input from the Board that she could bring back to CHAB. Grethe Cammermeyer acknowledged the coming together of various agencies and speaking as a hospital Commissioner suggested that perhaps the hospital should have been "at the table" earlier in the process. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson said she was pleased that the hospital was looking for more engagement in community processes after having been disconnected for a while. (Keith Higman speaks to this during his Public Health report). Commissioner Jill Johnson commented that the topics selected as priorities are quite broad and suggested a narrower focus on the issues as the process moves forward. She also mentioned that any emphasis on mental health needs to recognize that the mental health system is changing and solutions may need to be established at a regional level
  - b. The *Linda Lee Martens Health Hero Awards* is coming around soon again. CHAB is seeking nominations. The date for the event is still to be determined.
  - c. CHAB is working on a *Member Handbook* – great for both recruiting and new members.
  - d. CHAB is committed to *E-Cig issues* in Island County and is very interested in the Board's response to Emily Maughan's presentation next month.
2. **Introduction to Septic Systems in Island County:** *Jill Wood*, *Environmental Health Director* introduced *Susan Wagner*, *Environmental Health Specialist*. Ms. Wagner provided information and background on the On-site Septic program in Island County. A Q&A session followed. Attachment: PowerPoint

**Contracts:** *Keith Higman*, *Health Services Director* presented one contract as follows:

1. WA State DOH: Consolidated Contract C17111 - Amendment No. 5 Jan. 1, 2015 - Dec. 31, 2017  
Contract Amendment Amount: \$95,196; Total Contract Amount: \$1,484,228. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the amendment, and Grethe Cammermeyer seconded the motion. Contract No. C17111 – Amendment No. 5 was approved unanimously by those present to vote.

**Legislative Update:** Moved to within Keith Higman's Public Health Report.



**Public Health Report:**


*Keith Higman, Health Services Director*

1. No previously suggested date for the Linda Lee Martens Health Hero Awards works for all Board members. Michele Tefft will reach out to the Board with other dates.
2. In response to Grethe Cammermeyer suggestion regarding the Community Health Prioritization Workshop, Keith reminded the Board that Whidbey General Hospital (WGH), Island County Public Health and Naval Hospital Oak Harbor used to meet quarterly. The group was then called "Health Summit". Grethe thought that the new WGH CEO would be open to that idea again. Keith will reach out to see about getting this started again.
3. E2SHB1645 – Governor endorsement of establishing a regulatory system regarding E-Cigarettes and vaping products.
4. SB6611 – Identifies properly functioning septic systems inside city limits as meeting the definition of "urban services".
5. HB2527 – Creates a statewide loan program for onsite septic repairs. Island County currently operates a very successful on-site loan program.

**Board Comments/Announcements:** None.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board Commissioner Jill Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to adjourn; Mayor Bob Severns seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

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Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair